James Miller McKim to W. L. Garrison.

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Dear Friend:

The annual meeting of the Penn^a A. S. Society will be held on Monday the 3d of August, in Norristown, Montgomery County. — Our Ex. Committee & your friends here generally, would be exceedingly gratified if you could make it suit to be present.

We have a prospect of a very good meeting. The tried & true in our state, so far as we can learn, are making their arrangements to turn out, and every thing encourages us to hope for a gathering of the right Spirit. — Since the decision of the new organization & political party questions, there has been quite a revival of primitive abolition amongst us, and all we want is a little help to make our Penn^a society more efficient than it has ever been.

Can you not come on, and by your presence & voice contribute a portion of the desired aid? — a visit from you at this time, could not fail to do us good; and by the relaxation from labour it would afford you, and the opportunity of spending some time in the society of some of your

best friends, would be likely to be of personal service to yourself.

You will see by the address which I herewith send you, that our duty as an auxiliary of the Am. A. Society will occupy, most probably, a prominent place in the proceedings of the meeting. A knowledge of this fact may ~~probably~~ perhaps give you an increased interest in the occasion; and possibly operate as an additional incentive to your coming.

Whether you conclude to come or not, please exert your influence to induce Edmund Quincy, Wendell Phillips, Ellis Gray Loring, Jno. A. Collins, Saml Philbrick, & Frederick Douglass - all, or as many as possible to attend. - Particularly Douglass. There is a great desire & pain what was said in a conversation at New York in May with some of us, an expectation that he will be with us. He could do in one week here, great good. Please encourage his coming; most cheerfully will his expenses be borne, by our Committee.

Be good enough to drop me a line in answer to this, letting us know what we may expect from you. -

Yours truly

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Wm C. Nell, Cor. Sec.

I am not forgetful of your contemplated Pic Nics in the First of August; but they will not require the presence of all of us. We presume in any one that will come all the pleasure & pains he could expect at the Pic Nic; and more chances of doing good. — I had overlooked the fact of your being engaged at Lowell — which I am just now reminded of. — Of course then you cannot be with us, but you can encourage others to come

Paid

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